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SUBJECT: CONSTITUTIONALITY OF GUN COURT UPHELD

REF: KINGSTON 999

1. BY A TWO-TO-ONE DECISION ON OCTOBER 22 THE COURT OF APPEAL HELD THAT THE GUN COURT IS CONSTITUTIONAL AND DISMISSED THE CONSOLIDATED APPEAL OF THE FIRST FOUR APPELLANTS FROM CONVICTION AND SENTENCE OF INDEFINITE DETENTION IN THE GUN COURT

2. THE COURT IS TO RECONVENE OCTOBER 23 TO HEAR AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE FOUR APPELLANTS FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL IN ENGLAND

3. COMMENT: THE COURT'S DECISION WAS A SOURCE OF GREAT RELIEF TO THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, WHO HAD FEARED THAT AN ADVERSE DECISION WOULD PROVIDE A PSYCHOLOGICAL BOOST TO THE GUNMEN AND LEAD TO A RESURGENCE OF VIOLENT CRIME. MINISTER NATIONAL SECURITY AND JUSTICE MATALON EXPRESSED TO CHARGE HIS GREAT PERSONAL SATISFACTION AT OUTCOME. GUN COURT AND ANTI-CRIME CAMPAIGN ARE HIS "BABIES" AND HE MAY WELL HAVE FELT COMPELLED TO RESIGN IF DECISION

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